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## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph"]

### THE NEW FRIGHTFULNESS.

British Opinion on the Dutch Sinkings.

London, February 23.

The sinkings reported yesterday totalled over 18,000 tons. One European and three Chinese of the crew of the *Perseus* are missing. It is reported that the Americans aboard the *Skagland* were saved.

Four Dutch Boats Possibly Safe.

London, February 24.

Lloyd's announces that the *Menado* has safely reached harbour, and the *Bandoeng*, *Eemland* and *Zaan Dijk* are possibly still afloat.

More Sinkings.

London, February 24.

The latest sinkings include the steamers *Belgar* and *Watfield*, the barque *Invincible* and two smacks, all British. The total tonnage is 9,000.

Holland's Repeated Concessions.

London, February 25.

Reuter confirms the statement that no enquiries were made from the Admiralty regarding the routes of the torpedoed Dutch ships, which arrived at Falmouth on various dates and were released at the special request of the Dutch Government.

An official of the Dutch Legation visited Falmouth and interviewed the Captains privately, giving them special instructions. The ships sailed with the usual navigation lights and other illuminations, but they were torpedoed shortly afterwards. The act is regarded as a result of Dutch complacency concerning the German decrees.

There is a strong feeling in shipping circles that the repeated Dutch concessions to German bullying are a poor return for British consideration towards Dutch Home and Colonial interests. It is pointed out that if the Dutch ships followed British regulations, they would doubtless have arrived safely, like the overwhelming majority of British vessels.

Germany's Extraordinary Explanation.

London, February 25.

According to a message from The Hague, the German Legation, in the course of an extraordinary explanation of the torpedoing of Dutch steamers, says the date for the safe homecoming Dutch vessels, originally fixed for February 5, was postponed to the 8th and then to the 11th. In view of the situation in Holland, finally Dutch shipowners were informed that their vessels could leave in a group on the 22nd inst. or on March 17, but the safety guaranteed for the 22nd was only comparative, whereas that for March 17 was absolutely safe. The torpedoing, says the Legation, is regrettable, but Dutch shipowners are responsible because they sailed on February 22.

Brazilian Steamer's Movements.

London, February 25.

Reuter's correspondent at Havre says that two Brazilian steamers arrived at Cape Verde January 31 and left on the 4th inst.

### PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

What Sir Percy Sykes Has Accomplished.

London, February 23.

According to a message to the *Times* from Bunder Abbas, Sir Percy Sykes' column went from Kerman to Yezd, Isfahan and Shiraz. Its arrival at Isfahan relieved the population of the fear of an attack by robber tribes.

Sir Percy Sykes opened up the Abwaz road after a brief encounter with brigands, enabling 12,000 loads of merchandise to be taken to Isfahan en route, and from thence to Shiraz, which was reached in the middle of November. Sir Percy Sykes made a forced march and surrounded a village in which a robber band was captured.

Sir Percy Sykes and the Governor General of Fars had a great reception at Shiraz. Those who had benefited by the lawlessness are hostile, but they are incapable of much harm. Sir Percy took over the Fars Gendarmerie on the day after his arrival, and explained matters to the officers, who were likewise relieved that the arm of central authority at Teheran had at length reached so far.

One of the most important tasks of Sir Percy Sykes during his stay at Shiraz has been the opening up of the Bushire road, enabling a revival of trade with the Persian Gulf, while the presence of the column has had a most favourable effect throughout the Province of Fars.

### LABOUR UNREST IN RUSSIA.

London, February 25.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the re-opening of the Duma on the 27th inst. is awaited apprehensively, owing to efforts to induce workmen to strike and to march to the Duma.

General Khabaloff, in the course of a Proclamation, reminds the workmen of the existence of martial law, and says that any violence will be forcibly repressed.

M. Milinkoff, the Democratic leader, appeals to the workmen not to play into the hands of the enemy, and to refrain from demonstrating.

### SUCCESSFUL BRITISH RAIDS.

Affecting the German Morale.

London, February 25.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says:—From January 1 to February 19 we took 1,600 prisoners-in-arms. The decline in the number is accounted for by the difficulties of supplying the men with rations, owing to the hardness and precision of our

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### AMERICA AND GERMANY.

Will America Use Her Armed Forces?

London, February 25.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the Senate has adopted a Republican resolution authorising President Wilson to use the armed forces of the United States in order to protect the commerce, property and lives of Americans.

### SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL STUDIES.

His Majesty the King on Its Mission.

London, February 23.

In opening the School of Oriental Studies, His Majesty emphasised the wide scope and vast importance of its work, affording fresh opportunities for study to those services which have been pioneers in progress and instruments of good government in India and Egypt, and furnishing with fuller technical equipment, pioneers in commerce and industry, who in each successive generation undertook the duty of upholding the honour and fame of British trade in the East. Its work would also serve to develop the existing sympathy between Britons and Japanese. If the School happily succeeded in imparting to the pupils sent out as teachers of unselfish government and civilised commerce a clearer comprehension of the thoughts and lives of the diverse races of the East, the good effects thereof would extend far beyond its immediate tangible results. The ancient literature and art of India were of unique interest in the intellectual tradition of India and to promote and assist the labours of students in these departments of knowledge, to the mutual advantage of both countries.

The School was about to open its doors in the midst of an unparalleled crisis in the world's history. For more than two years, the peoples of His Majesty's Dominions had loyalty and devotedly vied with each other in offering their blood and treasure for the prosecution of a righteous war—(Cheers). A sense of common sacrifice and endeavour had drawn us all nearer one another in feeling and sympathy. Meanwhile, the peaceful labours of the School were spreading accurate scientific knowledge of Eastern life, and he thought it would foster a spirit of loyalty and patriotism and knit together still closer the many nations of the Empire.

### THE CROWN COLONIES.

A Tribute by Mr. Walter Long.

London, February 24.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Long paid a warm tribute to the self-sacrifice, extreme generosity and good will displayed by the Crown Colonies and Dominions. He was confident that so long as they were satisfied that these proposals were made from the most profound sense of duty they would be prepared to bear their share of the burden along with us.

### SIZE OF NEWSPAPERS.

Reduction of Size May be Enforced.

London, February 25.

It is stated that the Government contemplates enforcing a reduction in the size of newspapers. Half-penny illustrated newspapers announce that they are doubling their price.

### DUTCH PROTEST TO GERMANY.

London, February 25.

Reuter's correspondent at The Hague says the Dutch Minister in Berlin has protested against a German airship flying over Holland on the 17th inst.

### AUSTRALIAN LABOURITES RESENT "INTERFERENCE."

London, February 25.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne, the Labour Party has decided to oppose Mr. Hughes' motion for the prolongation of Parliament for six months, on the ground that it involves imperial interference.

### MORE MEN NEEDED.

London, February 25.

According to Reuter's Melbourne correspondent, speaking in the House of Representatives, Mr. Hughes declared that the need for men was now greater than it was in October. All Dominions have been asked to send more.

### TEA IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

London, February 25.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George announced that the importation of tea would be reduced to a certain extent and that foreign tea would be prohibited.

### NO SPECULATION IN FOODSTUFFS.

London, February 25.

According to a Press Bureau announcement, Lord Devonport notifies that speculative buying and cornering of foodstuffs with a view to raising prices will not be tolerated.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, February 25.

A French communiqué reported the temporary cessation of the cease-fire. There has been no military action, except a German enemy air raid at Vlissingen.

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### INDIAN ASPIRATIONS.

A Noteworthy Declaration of Loyalty.

London, February 25.

The Maharaja of Bikaner, interviewed by a special correspondent of the Associated Press, in India, declared that India was unqualifiedly loyal to the crown. He affirmed with the utmost earnestness that he loved the King-Emperor, as the representative of sovereign power, and as a man. There was no sacrifice that the King-Emperor could ask that he would not make. His brother rulers also loved the King-Emperor and would follow where he led, through thick and thin. The Indian Prince's loyalty was unselfish. They had offered assistance through the dark days when the Germans were sweeping all before them. The Princes and people of India stood by the King-Emperor when India was denuded of British troops. He recalled the loyalty of the Indian Princes during the mutiny at the time of the Panjab scare, during troubles on the frontier in 1879, and in China in 1900, and also in the maintenance of the Imperial Service Troops. The absolute loyalty of India was based not only on religion and tradition, but also on the fact that His Majesty was personally known to the people and was most popular throughout India, as a great and just sovereign to whom the Indians were drawn by his personal magnetism. While there had been in some cases petty annoyances by minor officials, the policy of the Raj towards the Indian States had been sympathetic, displaying a sincere desire to eliminate all uncalled-for interference in internal affairs. This attitude of the Raj had certainly drawn the Indian States steadily closer to itself and had stimulated the rulers to a real devotion to the King-Emperor and his Royal House. The just and sympathetic policy of the Raj during the Viceroys of Lord Minto and Lord Hardinge had prevented an increase in sedition. While the handling of affairs between the Raj and the Indian States remained in the capable hands of such political officers and sympathetic friends as Mr. J. B. Wood, and Colonel Windham, the further was most hopeful.

The Maharaja continued to say that the Princes desired to retain their part in the Empire, for there was no Government so great and good as His Majesty's. They wanted to stay and help in the achievement of even greater things than they had accomplished in the past. They hoped that, before long, the rulers would be given seats in an assembly, such as a Council of Princes, which would have a voice in the government of India in matters relating to Indian States. They looked forward also to the time when the people of British India would be prepared themselves to take a hand in the affairs of the State. There was every indication that the Raj had no greater desire than to see the Princes and people stand on their own feet under the guidance of Britain. He realised that the political progress of India must be comparatively slow to be healthy, but he believed that the Raj would do all it could to meet her aspirations for advancement, and the Princes asked nothing better than to be allowed to work hand in hand with the Raj towards the goal.

### THE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

Newspapers Barred.

London, February 24.

Articles, the importation of which is prohibited, include printed matter, including daily, weekly and other periodicals, except of single copies posted.

Further Prohibitions.

London, February 24.

The list of prohibited imports in a proclamation obtained in the *Gazette* includes the following:—antimony-ware, curios, embroidery, artificial flowers, hides, raw jute, matting, quebracho, hemlock, and mangrove extracts, silks (not including yarns), soya beans, straw plaitings, plated and gilt vases, glass, perfume and cotton hosiery. The prohibition does not apply to goods imported under Board of Trade licence.

### THE TEA TRADE.

Some Unpatriotic Dealers.

London, February 24.

It is anticipated that an official list of maximum prices for tea will shortly be issued, as there is reason to believe that some dealers have unjustifiably advanced the wholesale prices.

Less Ceylon Tea.

London, February 24.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Long said there would be a reduction in imports of Ceylon tea. Nobody regretted that more than he did.

### THE FOOD RESTRICTIONS.

Wholeheartedly Supported, Though Very Draastic.

London, February 24.

The papers wholeheartedly support Mr. Lloyd George's restrictions, though they are much more drastic than anticipated. The consensus of opinion is that the public will respond to the demand for strong measures to win the war, and that the restrictions will be accepted most cheerfully.

A general rise in prices is expected. Beer will probably be a shilling a pint or less. The chief surprise is the prohibition of apples and tomatoes, which are largely consumed by the poor. It is suggested that many stocks, especially of cocoa, coffee and tea which are largely held by foreigners for continental account, should be commandeered.

Mr. Lloyd George's speech will undoubtedly promote the food economy campaign, which is spreading among all classes.

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### OBITUARY.

London, February 24.  
The death is announced of Dr. John Fleet.

### THE SILVER MARKET.

London, February 24.  
Silver is quoted at 379s; quiet.

London, February 25.  
Silver is quoted at 374s. There is a little more demand. The market is steady.

### THE HOME MARKETS.

London, February 24.  
Linseed is quoted at 114s; nearest value, and rubber at 38s per sellers.

### NICKEL SMUGGLING PLOT.

Several Arrests in Canada.

Montreal, January 3.—What is believed to be an important conspiracy to secure Canadian nickel and get it into the hands of German agents in the United States was unearthing at Quebec yesterday with the arrest of seven French Canadians employed at the Quebec arsenal, who are charged with stealing nickel from the Government installation there. At the same time nearly three tons of stolen nickel were seized, which had been melted into ingots and packed into whisky barrels ready to export to German agents in the United States. A prominent Montreal firm, composed of naturalized German-Canadians, is also implicated in the plot, but so far no steps have been taken against them.

Further arrests are expected, and the officers of the Military Intelligence Department state that they hope to round up the whole business of the illicit export of Canadian nickel, which is desperately needed by the Germans. It is stated

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## GENERAL NEWS.

Glasgow Opium Raid. At Glasgow on the 12th ult., a Chinese was fined £50 for having 332 lb. of opium, valued at £300, in his shop in Broomielaw. It was discovered carefully bricked up in a disused cellar. Five other Chinese who were arrested by the police when the raid was made were liberated.

Rear-Admiral Hood's Widows. A Royal Warrant appears in the London *Gazette* granting to Ellen Hood, widow of Rear-Admiral the Hon. Horace-Lambert Alexander Hood, C.B., M.V.O., D.S.O., who lost his life in the recent naval action against the enemy in the North Sea, the same style, title, place, and precedence to which she would have been entitled had her husband survived to be appointed and invested with the insignia of Knight Commander of the Bath.

Private Sale of German Bonds. A despatch from Chicago dated January 8 reported the visit to that city of Dr. Heinrich F. Albert, commercial attaché of the Germany Embassy, with the purpose of disposing of between £25,000,000 and £30,000,000 worth of German Government war bonds. It is reported that war bonds to that amount already have been sold to German-Americans. The bonds were brought to the United States by the Deutschland, Germany's submarine merchantman, and shipped at once to the German Embassy in Washington. They were so phrased that they were of no value without the signature of Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador. Dr. Albert was said to be greatly delighted with the reception that the bonds received and is said to have had no great difficulty in disposing of them. They are said to pay an attractive rate of interest.

War Donations. The following contribution to the Red Cross Fund are acknowledged:—Tokyo branch, P.L.B.O., £430; Shanghai Race Club (for "Transport of Wounded Fund"), £600; Shanghai High School Girl Scout's Sale of Work (to maintain three beds at Netley B.C. Hospital for one year), £200; Tientsin Allied Red Cross Fund, per H.M. Consul-General (further contribution), £180 13s.; Sennah Rubber Co., Ltd., £52 10s.; The British Association of Japan (further contribution), £25; Hongkong War Charities Fund (further contribution), £6 5s. 7d.; Offertory at opening service of Chekiang C.M.S. Conference, per British Consul at Ningpo, £3 14s. 2d.; Amateur Theatrical Performance at Sandakan, per British North Borneo War Relief Fund, £107 13s. 1d.; Ladies' Staff of Chartered Bank of India and China, £2 2s. The Great Northern Telegraph Company have subscribed £2,100, of which £1,050 is earmarked for the "Star and Garter."

Died of Wounds. Captain Herbert Raymond Wilson, Indian Infantry, who died of wounds on Jan. 9 in Mesopotamia, was the eldest and last surviving son of Mr. Mervyn Sepplings Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, of Chippenham, Wiltshire. He was born at Chippenham in September, 1888, and was educated at St. Peter's School, Weston-super-Mare, and Repton, where he gained an open Army Class Scholarship. Leaving Repton for Sandhurst in 1906, he passed out of Sandhurst with an Indian Cadetship in 1907. For a year he was attached to the York and Lancaster Regiment at Quetta, and he was gazetted to one of the Mahratta Regiments early in 1909. He served in Tibet and in Northern Assam with the Chinese Frontier Commission, and was Political Agent to the Chief Commissioner of Assam. Recalled to his regiment on the outbreak of war, he was in some of the early fighting in Mesopotamia, but contracted typhoid and was invalided home for six months. He returned to India in March last year and went up to the front in October. His two younger brothers were killed in France in 1915.

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One Awarded the D. S. O. and Four, the Military Cross.

Five journalists are included in the latest list of war honours, says the *Globe* of January 2.

The D. S. O. is conferred on Captain (temporary Major) Alan Hamer Mandie, A.S.O., member of the editorial staff of the *Daily Chronicle*; Captain A. M. Barrington Ward, D.O.L.I.; Captain E. W. M. Grigg, Grenadier Guards; and Lieut. the Hon. R. Gorell Barnes, Biffs Brigade, of the *Times*, and Temporary Second Lieutenant Alan Oster, R.F.A., who in the early stages of the war was one of the special correspondents of the *Daily Express*, have been awarded the Military Cross.

By a singular coincidence the first Christian name of the three officer journalists recently decorated is Alan, the third being Lieutenant Alan Both, R.F.A., who was awarded the Military Cross, and, like Major Mandie, is a member of the editorial staff of the *Daily Chronicle*.

The Military Cross has already been conferred on Captain A. L. Kennedy, Yorkshire Light Infantry, and the D.S.O. on Lieutenant Commander H. P. Price Gordon-R.M.V.R., who were also on the staff of the *Times* before the war.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1917.

### THE CANTON CHAMBER, THE HUN AND THE PRO-HUN.

Last Thursday we gave the minutes of the annual general meeting of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and we have since published an interesting letter which touches upon the constitution of that body and the question of its dissolution. It will have been seen from the Report that Mr. H. S. Smith, in a very practical speech, supported the notion of dissolving the organisation on the score that, since the outbreak of war, it had had only a nominal existence. This seems to have been the general feeling, for the concern has now gone into liquidation—a fact which will be received with satisfaction by all Britishers and their allies, for the position on Shamneen had become a ludicrous one. But the Report contains three little news items that are by no means devoid of meaning or of interest to Hongkong folk:—(1) Thirteen German firms wrote declining to attend the meeting, and asking to have it put on record that they disapproved of the dissolution. (2) The Chairman—an American gentleman, we believe—said that he too very much disapproved thereof, as did all the Americans. (3) The suggestion was brought forward that "an International Chamber of Commerce could be formed in Canton to the advantage of Neutral, Allied, French and British firms and individuals."

As to the disapproval expressed by these thirteen German firms, probably nobody cared much what they think or what they approve of; but why did all the Americans' side with the Germans against what appears to have been the general wish of the Allied subjects? Were they so very anxious to continue friendly relations with the men who held high revel when the Lusitania (containing a number of American women and children) was sunk; who, some time back, were insulting ladies on Shamneen, and one of whose number had to be publicly thrashed by a French gentleman before he could grasp even the rudiments of decency? Surely this is not a moment when right-thinking Americans can wish to be in any way mixed up with men whose nation has disgraced itself forever in the eyes of the civilised world. Do the Americans object to the breaking up of a Chamber which virtually has no existence, because those in favour of such breaking up propose that a new Chamber, containing no enemy subjects, shall be established? Do they consider that the Britishers and Frenchmen and Portuguese and Indians of Shamneen are so very wicked for declining to share membership of an organisation with men who countenance (and, where they dare, commit) every variety of blackguardism, and who are in China for the express purpose of robbing the Chinese right and left?

Hongkong people want to see this new Chamber in existence as soon as may be. If the Americans on Shamneen—there are very few of them, we believe—do not like the idea, no one will seek to compel them to join. When we come down to the facts, the British and French have the first claim in all matters concerning Shamneen, and they surely have a right to be listened to when they express a preference for belonging to an association that contains no Germans. Unless we are greatly mistaken, they will want to go farther than that: they will insist on membership's being denied to any enemy sympathiser, to any firm employing enemy sympathisers, and to any man whose firm's name is not on the White List—for they want no traffic with persons who are pro-Ally or pro-Hun just as it may happen to suit their convenience at the moment. From all that we hear, there is every reason why, in the formation of the new Chamber, the greatest care will have to be observed in overhauling the recent records of more than one so-called neutral in Canton. But we are confident that the loyal Shamneenites will not forget their duty, both to their respective countries and to themselves, in such a matter.

### The Canton Medical Mission.

Our only excuse for returning to the matter of the above mission, and the "German Consul's" co-operation therewith, is that the Chairman of the Hospital writes us: "Since the undesirability of having the name 'German Consul General' among the nominal Hon. Vice-Presidents has been impressed upon us, we are taking steps to have the name removed. Should there be any further reference to the matter, will you be so good as to explain that you have been assured that steps are being taken to drop the name from the list of officers?"—We are exceedingly glad to have received this communication. The Canton Medical Mission has done eighty years of useful and self-denying work; to-day it is as untiring as ever in its heavy (and all too often thankless) task, and the thought of such a institution's being tainted by German patronage was decidedly distasteful to the British mind. Had the name of the German Consul continued on the list of vice-presidents there would undoubtedly have been a falling off in voluntary contributions—and that is absolutely the last thing that any of us wished to see.

Germany's "Reply" to China.

At last China's Note is acknowledged, and, simultaneously, comes the tidings that three Chinese of the crew of the s.s. Persers are missing! Is China going to allow herself to be fooled? We cannot believe this. There is, no doubt, some little danger that German wireless in Peking may prevail among the more corruptible or the more gullible of the officials; the Hun Minister and traders are sparing no pains to bribe these into siding with the Kaiser; but we still think that China's good sense will triumph. Already she knows what a German promise is worth; but it is time that she laid to heart even more than that. China needs to understand that the Germans can no longer be regarded as rational beings. Everyone of them knows that utter ruin is overhanging their country and that nothing that they can do will avert this; and naturally they are anxious to drag down others in their fall. There is no parleying with a dangerous wild beast; a bullet is the only possible argument. We wonder does the average Chinese ever trouble to think what it would have meant to his country had the Hun been victorious. The Chinese of Hongkong and of Tientsin at least know. When war broke out, the Chinese of this Colony regarded it at once as their war. They volunteered for active service, they bought aeroplanes, they contributed lavishly to every conceivable war fund, and they formed a Police Reserve which has worked wonders in Hongkong. The ventilator, Mr. Abbott, is quite a first-class man at his work, and knows how to keep his audience in a steady laugh from start to finish. In response to a hearty recall he gave one or two very clever "impersonations". Mr. Martell is an athlete of unusual ability, and is remarkably neat in all that he does. His tumbling feats and his special balancing act drew prolonged applause and those who watched his performance will certainly go to see it again.

### DAY BY DAY.

IT WILL BE QUITE PROPER TO SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER IN HEAVEN WITHOUT AN INTRODUCTION.

The Dollar. The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2.41/10d.

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the 17th anniversary of Paardeberg.

A Recent Concert. The Council of the Helena May Institute wish to thank those who kindly gave their services at the recent concert, the Anderson Music Co. for a.o. of piano, and all who in any way helped to make the function a success.

Hongkong Theatre.

There have been good week-end attendances at the Hongkong Theatre, where the attraction is the 5th and 6th episodes of the American sensational serial: "Peg of the Ring". There are also three Keystone pictures.

Advice Resented.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, a Chinese was charged with assaulting the Police. The facts of the case were that the man was bending down doing some repairs to the tramway line at Bowrington Canal Bridge, when an Indian constable touched him on the shoulder and said that a car was approaching. The man seemed to resent this warning, pulled at the Indian's whistle and was otherwise offensive. His Worship told the defendant that it was his duty to help the Police and not to assault them. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Victoria Theatre.

The two artists now performing at the Victoria Theatre are easily the best that the cinema houses have seen for many a long day. They drew a packed house on Saturday night, and some ill-natured people were saying: "Much too good for Hongkong."

The ventriloquist, Mr. Abbott, is quite a first-class man at his work, and knows how to keep his audience in a steady laugh from start to finish. In response to a hearty recall he gave one or two very clever "impersonations". Mr. Martell is an athlete of unusual ability, and is remarkably neat in all that he does. His tumbling feats and his special balancing act drew prolonged applause and those who watched his performance will certainly go to see it again.

### WAR GIFTS.

A Hongkong Society Thanked.

Lady May has received the following letter:—

15, January, 1917.

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(Signed) H. H. HOLMAN,

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O. C. No. 6, Casualty Clearing Station.

### CINEMA MILLIONS.

Some Startling Figures.

The cinema commission of inquiry appointed by the National Council of Public Morals held its first meeting recently, the Bishop of Birmingham presiding. Representatives of social, educational, and religious bodies will give evidence.

Mr. F. R. Goodwin, of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association, said that at the end of 1914, £15,456,800 had been invested in the cinema business, and since then £1,936,395 had been registered at Somerset House. Much private money was also invested which did not appear in the official figures.

The attendance at the 4,500 cinema halls during one year worked out at 3,376,000 each week-day; in addition about 600 halls draw 376,000 people each Sunday evening.

### JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

"Missing Link Found in Mardon Mystery" says the Philadelphia Ledger.—Curiously enough we had always expected to hear of its being found much nearer to Hongkong.

Another injustice to President Wilson. Reuter, the other day, spoke of the American side-memoir to Vienna; but a local contemporary, not taking too many chances, called it the American Note. Now hasn't that luckless President written too many Notes already for it to be fair to fasten yet one more on him? Apropos, we are wondering what excuse the Washington Government is going to offer on behalf of Germany for the killing of an American subject on the Athos.

From the Hongkong Government Gazette.—"In sections 18 and 19 the expression 'every premises' is not grammatical."

Nobody but our learned Government officials would ever have supposed that it was. We wonder who has been taking them in hand.

We feel it advisable to state publicly that there is no truth whatever in any rumour to the effect that the Telegraph is about to be suspended on account of its pro-Kaiser leanings.

"It is obvious," says the Peking Daily News, "that we do not identify ourselves with the opinions of our contributors, for those opinions are naturally, inevitably, widely at variance with each other."—That editor doesn't half know his business. It is a well-conducted newspaper's policy to identify itself with the opinions of all its readers, no matter how "naturally, inevitably, widely" these may happen to disagree.

The dead body of a child was found, the other day outside the office of the China Mail.—Fraser Smith, though should be living at this hour, in order that the event might be handled with full propriety, fitness and justice.

The great fear which dominates the lives of some of our local heroes at the present moment is that of facing the doctor—lest he should declare them fit for military service.

Says the Peking Daily News.—"There is so far no antidotal measure against mines and submarines, and neither Jules Verne nor H. G. Wells is likely to invent one.—In the case of the former gentleman, we too think it highly improbable."

Heard Outside the Hongkong Hotel.—American Lady Tourist: "What? Travel in a boat called the Hupai? Not for me. The name's ever so much too German."

We understand that the suspension of the Gambling Act during the present week only applies to those who are prepared to invest over a certain amount. Any person caught staking bets of orange peel or copper cash will be dealt with as usual.

From the North China Daily News: "Waited, position as steno-type by one who has good knowledge of both."—Both what?

Common-Sense, But Not Law. Expressing the opinion that he had common sense on his side, but not law, the magistrate at St. Helens fined Mr. Edward Coxon-Hardy of Woolton, Liverpool, £1s. for driving a motor car with headlights but without sidelights. Mr. Coxon-Hardy argued that the headlights were sidelights within the meaning of the Act, inasmuch as they fairly indicated the width of the car.

### LOCAL SPORT.

#### CRICKET.

C. R. C. Defeats University.

The University were no doubt surprised when they found themselves getting beaten by the C. R. C. on Saturday on the latter's ground.

With practically the same team, the University have defeated Kowloon U. C., as well as the Hongkong O. C., but on Saturday, the C. R. C. bowlers were in fine form, and, with excellent fielding, the University were dismissed for 86 runs.

The C. R. C. batsmen started in a rather disappointing manner and things looked pretty serious for them until Ho Wing-kin was sent out. This player was never seriously worried by the University bowlers and carried out his bat with 48 runs to his credit. No less than three of the C. R. C. batsmen were run out. Scores:—

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CHINA AND GERMANY.

(Continued from page 8.)

9.—The Jockey Club Stakes.—  
Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third  
\$125. For China Ponies. Weight  
for inches as per scale. Griffins  
allowed 5lb. Subscription Griffins  
of this Season 1916-1917 allowed  
10lb. Winners at this meeting  
5lb. extra. Entrance \$10. One  
Mile and a quarter.

Mr Ezra's General Birdwood,  
10st 9lb (Mr Ezra) 1  
Mr Henry Humphreys' North-  
land 11st 1lb. (Mr Knoll) 2  
Mr Ellis Kadocia's Aus-  
tralian Chief, 11st. 1lb.  
(Mr Heard) 3  
Sir Paul's Giant Dahlia, 11st.  
4lb. (Mr Barkill) 0

General Birdwood led from a  
good start, with Australian  
Chief and Giant Dahlia  
next, these three ponies showing  
the way. The Chief then  
got into first place, with General  
Birdwood second. At the back  
stretch Giant Dahlia led, General  
Birdwood being second and  
Northland third. The ponies  
raced in a quartette to the post,  
and then Northland forced the  
pace and challenged Giant Dahlia,  
with whom he raced neck and  
neck into the home straight. The  
ponies then came in a bunch, and  
after a hot gallop, General Bird-  
wood won by a short head from  
Northland, with the Chief half a  
length away in third position.

Time.—2 min. 44 4/5 secs.

Parimutuel:—

Winner, \$20.20.

Place, \$8.20; \$6.80.

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 230 1st \$1,953.00

" 28 2nd 558.00

" 375 3rd 278.00

Commission 410.00

Total \$3,200.00

Other ticket:—619

10.—The Racing Stakes.—  
Winner \$500. Second \$200.  
Third \$100. For China Ponies,  
Subscription Griffins of the Sea-  
son 1916-1917. Weight for inches  
as per scale. Winners 5 lb.  
extra. Jockeys who have never  
had a winning mount in Hong-  
kong, Shanghai or Tientsin  
allowed 5lb. Entrance \$5. Seven  
Runners.

Mr. Henry Humphrey's Field  
Mouse, 11st 1lb (Mr. Knoll) 1

Messrs. Beith and Ross' Mo.,  
10st. 9lb. (Mr. Johnstone) 2

Mr. Dalmore's Merry Monarch,  
11st 1lb (Mr. Boyd) 3

Mr. Adams' Amphion, 10st.  
7lb. (Mr. Adams) 0

Mr. Barfield's Bridgnorth, 11st.  
1lb. (Mr. Miller) 6

Mr. Ezra's Chieftain, 11st 1lb  
(Mr. Ezra) 0

Mr. Medio's Jadesstone, 10st.  
8lb. (Mr. Barton) 0

Mr. Neimasee's Sahab, 11st 1lb  
(Mr. Seth) 0

Mr. John Peel's Dunlop, 10st.  
10lb. (Mr. Fisher) 0

Mr. Stave's Sonysbora, 11st 1lb.  
(Mr. Hayes) 0

Messrs. Thomas and Sedgwick's  
Tom Cobleigh, 10st. 9lb.  
(Mr. Sedgwick) 0

Mr. Trident's Sabre, 11st 1lb.  
(Mr. Heard) 0

Mr. Yale's Old King Cole,  
11st. 1lb. (Mr. Gage) 0

From rather a bad start, Field  
Mouse got away and was in the  
van for the greater part of  
the race. He was often  
challenged by Mo, and the  
two entered the home straight  
racing neck and neck. Field  
Mouse eventually won by half a  
length from Mo, Merry Monarch  
being two lengths behind in the  
third berth.

Time.—1 min. 52 secs.

Parimutuel:—

Winner, \$53.20.

Place, \$6.70; \$6.00; \$11.30.

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 230 1st \$1,906.45

" 220 2nd 561.67

" 401 3rd 280.94

Commission 515.65

Total \$8,325.00

Other ticket:—227, 490, 558,

517, 574, 591, 242, 237, 156, 318,

CHINA AND GERMANY.

The Mohammedan Position.

The Tiger (Peking) is com-  
mencing on the situation created  
by the delivery of the protest to  
Germany, says that in case a  
diplomatic breach is necessitated  
by the unsatisfactory answer  
from Germany, the Government  
must pay special attention to  
North Western China. North  
Western China is populated by  
Mohammedan brethren who,  
owing to their being isolated, are  
not well informed on the situa-  
tion and events of the world. A  
diplomatic breach will not bring  
the German navy and army to  
attack our country as the long  
distance forms a barrier.

But, the paper argues, Turkey  
is the ally of Germany; and  
Turkey because of her religious  
relations with our people in  
Ching-hai and Sinkiang, will have  
great influence over them. It  
must be remembered that when  
Turkey joined the war, the Sultan  
issued an order calling on the  
Mohammedans to raise an army  
to attack Christian countries.  
That order greatly agitated the  
minds of our Mohammedan people  
and trouble was forestalled only  
by precautions being taken by  
the Government. It would, there-  
fore, be wise to take precautions  
at this time to prevent the Moham-  
medans of North Western China  
from being influenced by the  
Turks, for it must be anticipated  
that the Turks may claim their  
sympathy in case China breaks  
off diplomatic relations with  
Germany.

THE PEAK.

The Peak stands out with mighty  
majesty.

Lord of this island since the long  
age,

When thunder, lightning, earth-  
quake, volcano,

From shapeless void formed this  
world's safety;

In course of ages changing earth  
and sea

Appears the living herb, in  
embryo;

To carpet slopes whose soil, once  
in the throe

Of cataclysmic nothingness, is  
free.

Silent, it towers o'er the pop'rous  
town,

Hails first the timorous dawn in  
rosy east,

And bids a last farewell to part-  
ing day;

Eternal sentinel, with kindly eyes  
look down

In pity, for man's vain desires  
consist

In delving the unknown and  
meet dismay.

MEMO.

Hongkong, February 24, 1917.

Shanghai Freight.

Messrs. Wheelock and Co's  
Freight Market Report (Shanghai,  
15th February,) Says:—There is  
no change to report in our

Homeward Freight market as  
regards the quantity of cargo or  
tonnage offering to either Europe  
or America but the advance of

25 per cent. in rates via the Pacific,  
predicted in our last, is definitely  
decided upon to take effect from

the 1st March 1917 and there are  
rumours that the New

York via Panama rates  
may also be raised shortly  
by 10 per cent.—Coastwise—

Since last writing the number of  
enquiries has increased:—the

tonnage of the market is distinctly  
"healthier" and Owners are

already hardening rates, coal-  
freights from Japan in particular

show an improvement. The  
severe weather up North is fa-  
vouring somewhat with ship-  
ping—For New York via Panama:

—So far there is no vessel  
advertised to take this berth but

an N.Y.K. boat is expected to

load in March.

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TUESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1917.

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San Francisco via Japan	T. K. K.	6. Mar.
Victoria, B.C. & Japan	N. Y. K.	8. Mar.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Russia	15. Mar.
San Francisco via Japan	C. P. O. S.	18. Mar.
San Francisco via Japan	Bintang	24. Mar.
San Francisco via Japan	Nippon M.	26. Mar.
Vancouver via Japan	Ecuador	28. Mar.
Victoria B.C. & Japan	E. of Japan	28. Mar.
San Francisco via Japan	Shidzuoka M.	28. Mar.
San Francisco via Japan	Tjikembang	13. Apr.
China	C. M. S. S.	16. Apr.
Korea M.	T. K. K.	28. Apr.
Arakan	J. C. J. L.	14. May.
Vancouver via Japan	C. P. O. S.	6. June.

## JAPAN AND COAST PORTS.

Shanghai	B. & S.	27. Feb.
Shanghai via Swatow	B. & S.	27. Feb.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	B. & S.	28. Feb.
Sandakan	J. M. Co.	28. Feb.
Haliphong	J. M. Co.	1. Mar.
Kobe	Loksang	1. Mar.
Amoy and Shanghai	J. C. J. L.	1. Mar.
Shanghai	Tamui	1. Mar.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	B. & S.	1. Mar.
Manila	Sinkiang	1. Mar.
Shanghai	Haihong	1. Mar.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	D. L. Co.	1. Mar.
Manila	Yuensang	3. Mar.
Shanghai	Kwongsang	5. Mar.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	D. L. Co.	6. Mar.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	B. & S.	7. Mar.
Manila	Loongshing	10. Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Fushimi M.	15. Mar.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko M.	16. Mar.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Hirano M.	20. Mar.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Moji	N. Y. K.	25. Mar.
Kobe & Yokohama	Penang M.	Penang M.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVED.

Chenan Br. ss. 1,253. Wavell, 2nd Feb.  
Changsha, 20th Feb. Gen. S. & S.20th Feb. Coal—R. & R.  
Tjilatap, Dut. ss. 1,000. 2nd Feb.  
Batavia, 16th Feb. Gen. J. C. J. L.Haidong, Br. ss. 1,267. Phnom Penh,  
Feb.—Swatow, 2nd Feb. Gen.  
D. L. & Co.Hongkong, T. ss. 1,730. Margarita, 24th  
Feb.—Hainan, 23rd Feb. Gen.  
A. K. Mart.Loikang Br. ss. 878. Ritsolia, 24th Feb.  
Hainan, 22nd Feb. Gen. S. & S.Soehu M. Jap. ss. 1,006. Kurniau, 24th  
Feb.—Swatow, 23rd Feb. Gen.  
O. S. & S.Patric Br. ss. 2,930. Brus, 24th Feb.  
Chingwaian, 16th Feb. Gen.  
Sunkiang, Br. ss. 237. Robinson, 22nd  
Feb.—Hainan, 21st Feb. Gen.  
B. & S.Tungking Br. ss. 1,172. Hainan, 20th  
Feb.—Saigon, 10th Feb. Gen.  
Wakamata M. Jap. ss. 2,770. Yama-  
naka, 25th Feb. Wakamata, 20th  
Feb. Coal—M. B. G. E.Harunam M. Jap. ss. 2,931. Kohia,  
26th Feb. Milne, 19th Feb. Coal—  
M. B. E.Sintiang Br. ss. 1,616. Benson, 26th Feb.  
Amoy, 13th Feb. Gen. B. & S.

## METEOROLOGICAL.



## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

## YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

## A GRAVE FOOD SUPPLY QUESTION.

London, February 24.  
Mr. Lloyd George, in a letter, appeals to the Free Church to co-operate in the campaign of economy and increased food production, and urges the formation of local groups to cultivate land co-operatively. He concludes "Our responsibilities are grave beyond words, and no time should be lost."

## THE SUBMARINE WARFARE.

London, February 23.  
In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Carson, besides giving instances of warships ramming submarines, mentioned an engagement of two British patrol boats with two submarines, one of which was apparently sunk, while the fate of the second was doubtful. Another patrol boat reported a hit on the conning tower of a submarine with a fifth shot. She was believed to have been sunk. A seaplane bombed a submarine in the act of diving.

London, February 23.  
There is intense indignation in Sweden over the torpedoing of the Swedish sailor Hugo Hamilton. The cargo of four thousand tons of nitrate of soda was urgently needed by Swedish farmers. The crew of thirty-four are missing. The pro-German "Aftonbladet" says apology and compensation are insufficient. Sweden must demand from Germany substitutes equally important to agriculture.

London, February 23.  
One of the worst instances of deliberate submarine brutality recorded up to the present has been revealed in the case of a Lowestoft fishing smack which was stopped on the 13th inst., 46 miles from land. The skipper and crew were ordered to board the submarine. A German sailor placed bombs aboard the smack after collecting all the provisions. The crew of the smack were then ordered into a boat and told to "pull away." They were picked up sixty-eight hours later after being exposed to bitter cold and heavy weather, without food or water, the whole time.

Amsterdam, February 23.  
A German submarine and crew of fourteen have been stranded on the Island of Walcheren, between Domburg and West Kapelle. The military are guarding it.

Rome, February 24.  
The transport Minas en route for Salonika was torpedoed 160 miles west of Cape Matapan on Feb. 15. Part of the troops aboard were saved.

## SENTENCED FOR TRADING WITH GERMAN FIRMS.

London, February 23.  
Harry Broughton, the principal of the Stonebridge Cloth Manufacturing Company, has been sentenced, at Manchester, to a year's imprisonment, and his son to a fine of £50 sterling, for trading with German firms in the East.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

London, February 22.  
Messrs. Montagu's report on the silver market states there has been a certain amount of general competition while offerings have increased owing to the set back in price inducing profit taking and free sales; also the Shanghai Exchange showed weakness and a little selling occurred and consequently the price declined.

London, February 24.  
Silver is quoted at 379-16. There is no demand, and the market is quiet.

## CANADA'S FINE CONTRIBUTION.

London, February 20.  
Sir Robert Borden, interviewed by Reuter's, said 400,000 men had enlisted in Canada for overseas service of whom 300,000 had already crossed the Atlantic. Further recruiting was being considered.

Over 300,000 men and women were working in munition factories in Canada. Sixty millions sterling had been raised in Canada since the war in addition to the assistance rendered Great Britain to the extent of fifty millions for munitions. Canadians were convinced that there would be no abiding peace except through the victory of the Allies.

## WOMEN AND CHILDREN KEPT FROM WAR ZONE.

Ottawa, February 23.  
An order-in-Council forbids women and children to embark from Canadian ports for destinations in the war zone.

## CANADIANS IN THE WAR CONFERENCE.

London, February 22.  
The Canadian Premier, Sir Robert Borden, on his journey to England, was accompanied by Mr. Robert Rogers, the Canadian Minister of Public Works, Mr. J. D. Hazen, the Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries and of the Naval Service, and by the Premier of Newfoundland, Sir Edward P. Morris. All will participate in the War Conference.

## NEW GOVERNOR OF BENGAL HONOURED.

London, February 22.  
The Earl of Ronaldshay had an audience of the King and kissed hands upon his appointment as Governor of Bengal. His Majesty invested him with the insignia of the Grand Cross of the Indian Empire. Subsequently the King and Queen received the Countess of Ronaldshay.

## IMMEDIATE DEMAND FOR HOME RULE.

London, February 22.  
The Nationalists attach the utmost importance to the debate on the resolution demanding immediate Home Rule and declare that the refusal of the demand will make an election inevitable.

## MORE GERMAN LIES EXPOSED.

London, February 23.  
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters states that yesterday's German wireless message concerning two hundred British dead is a notable instance of hardy lying. The New Zealanders carried out a raid: They remained upwards of half an hour in German support trenches and did great destruction. They found the German trenches strewn with dead from our bombardment, and captured forty-four prisoners. If the Germans really counted two hundred corpses, seven-eighths were German.

## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE ON THE SITUATION.

London, February 23.

The House of Commons was crowded, and there were present numerous distinguished people including Sir R. Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, and the Hon. Mr. W. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Mr. Lloyd George, on rising, was loudly cheered. He said that the ultimate success of the Allied cause depended on the solution of the tonnage difficulties. Over a million tons of our shipping had been allocated to France alone, and a considerable amount to Russia and Italy; also a considerable amount had been sunk. There was not only a shortage for the general needs of the nation, but also for military purposes. The nation must be prepared for drastic sacrifices in order to cope with submarine warfare, otherwise disaster confronts us. The tonnage problem must therefore be tackled ruthlessly and promptly by naval measures, by building new ships and by dispensing with unnecessary imports and increasing the home food production.

Paper imports would be reduced to 640,000 tons, which is half the present allowance. All essential foodstuffs would be put on the free list, but apples, tomatoes and certain raw fruits would be prohibited; oranges, bananas, grapes, almonds and nuts would be reduced to twenty-five per cent. of the quantity imported during 1915. Mineral water would be prohibited, and cocoa and coffee would be temporarily stopped, as we had large stocks of these two commodities. The importation of foreign tea would be prohibited, while even the importation of Indian tea would be reduced to a certain extent. This would save 900,000 tons.

The Prime Minister regretted exceedingly the stoppage of certain luxuries from France and Italy. The output of beer would be reduced, to ten million barrels, saving 600,000 tons in imports for its manufacture. Spirits would be correspondingly reduced and restrictions would be imposed immediately. Steps would be taken to prevent speculative buying and if necessary the Food Controller would control commodities. If this programme were carried out and those able to help in production did help, there was not the slightest doubt that we could face the worst the enemy could do. (Loud cheers.)

## IMPORTATION OF RUM STOPPED.

London, February 23.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Long, on behalf of the Premier, announced that the importation of rum would be stopped and the importation of wines and spirits would be reduced 75 per cent. compared with 1913.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, February 23.

Field Marshal Haig reports: We improved our position to the north of Gueudecourt, capturing a portion of a trench and thirty prisoners. We occupied a post to the south of Petit Miramont and raided, south-east of Souchez, killing a number and destroying dugouts. We repulsed raids south of Armentieres in the neighbourhood of Ploegsteert Wood. A small number reached the trenches and were killed or taken prisoners.

London, February 23.  
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says a London regiment has wrested from the Canadians the record of carrying out the most successful raid. One hundred and twenty prisoners—all Prussians—were brought back, and, at the least, 300 of the enemy were killed. Five machine-guns were captured.

The assault was made half an hour before sunset on the 20th inst. Two flanking parties met 600 yards to the rear of the German trenches while their comrades in the centre were still bombing and bayoneting the trapped Prussians. Many knew the German language and confused the enemy by shouting misleading orders.

The Londoners remained in the trenches for an hour, thoroughly destroying them. The retaliatory German artillery fire was wild and ineffective.

London, February 24.

A French communiqué says that there has been artillery firing in Alsace and Lorraine. We repulsed coups de main in the Solson and Bezonaux areas.

## FLOODS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

London, February 23.

A Mesopotamia official statement says that we secured and consolidated two lines of trenches at the southern end of Sammaitat. Fighting continues. The Tigris has risen to flood level, hindering operations.

## THE IRISH ARRESTS.

London, February 24.

An official statement, issued in Dublin, says that those arrested under the Defence of the Realm Act were prohibited from residing in Ireland.

## MORE GERMAN BOMBS IN SPAIN.

Madrid, February 24.

Two bombs exploded in a shipyard at Bilbao. German agents are suspected.

## STRIKES IN GERMANY SPREADING.

Amsterdam, February 24.

Strikes in Germany are spreading; hundreds of women and children, headed by a red flag and clamouring for bread, looted shops at Aix-la-Chapelle.

## THE SINKING OF THE ATHOS.

Paris, February 23.

An official announcement says that the Messageries Maritimes mail boat "Athos", from China, transporting Sennaraisse tirailleurs and Colonial labourers to France, has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Two of the escorting destroyers, aided by a gunboat which came up, saved 1,400.

Washington, February 24.  
The U.S. Consul at Malta telegraphs that Robert Haden, an American missionary from Soochow, was drowned in the torpedoing of the Athos in the Mediterranean, without warning, on Feb. 17, 210 miles east of Malta.

Haden was drowned on returning to the ship to assist others.

The submarine showed neither flag nor number.

## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

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## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## AMERICAN LINER'S SAFE VOYAGE.

New York, February 24.  
A correspondent aboard the "Philadelphia," which has arrived from Liverpool and is the first American liner to run the gauntlet of submarine, says the ship left Liverpool in disregard of German blockade orders and without prescribed markings. She passed through the danger zone, practically without altering her regular course. She met an abundance of British ships but saw no signs of pirates. Of the 200 first class passengers booked, 61 sailed. They were very cheerful, despite the presence of reporters on the boat train, seeking information as to the identity of the passengers, obviously with a view to obituary notices. There were 66 second class and 114 third class passengers, including the crew of the torpedoed "Housatonic."

## NEW YORK AND ITS POOR.

New York, February 24.  
The Municipality has asked the State Legislature to legislate to enable the city to buy foodstuffs to sell to the poor at cost price.

## SEVEN DUTCH STEAMERS TORPEDOED.

Presumed All Lives Saved.

London, February 24.  
The Dutch steamers Zaandijk, Noorderdijk, Eemland, Gasterland, Jocatra, Menado and Bandoeng were torpedoed on February 22. The crews were landed and it is presumed that all were saved.

## Attacked Near English Channel.

London, February 24.  
The seven torpedoed Dutch steamers, four of which were bound for Holland with full cargoes, were attacked in the western approaches of the English Channel. It is noteworthy that no instructions regarding the routes were either asked for or given by the British Admiralty, the whole arrangements being in the hands of the Dutch authorities.

## Where Boats Hailed From.

London, February 24.  
The torpedoed Dutch steamers total 23,900 tons. The Menado and Bandoeng both belong to the Rotterdam Lloyd and were from Batavia for Rotterdam. The Jocatra of the Rotterdam Lloyd was from New York to Rotterdam while the Gasterland and Eemland both owned by the Royal Dutch were from Amsterdam to Buenos Aires and New York respectively. The Noorderdijk and Zaandijk are both of the Holland America Line and were from New York to Rotterdam and from Rotterdam for Philadelphia respectively.

It is officially announced that when the unrestricted submarine policy was proclaimed the Dutch Government protested and urged Germany to take care that none of the Dutch vessels en route to and from Dutch ports should fall victims. Germany replied that she was ready to comply but it was impossible to guarantee absolute safety. The seven vessels availing themselves of the German offer of opportunity left port together on February 22. They were all torpedoed without their papers being examined. Two hundred of the crews have been landed and it is supposed that the remainder are safe.

## Dutch Indignation High.

The Hague, February 24.  
The Dutch Press is very indignant at the German outrage, which completely disregards the rights of the Dutch people. It is declared that no big nation could thus be treated. Dutch honour can no longer be maintained, and protests are made "against the deepest humiliation to which a nation has yet been subjected."

## GERMANY'S REPLY TO CHINA.

Shanghai, February 24.  
The German reply to China's protest against the submarine measures says that Germany has been driven to extreme measures. She promises to respect the lives of Chinese.

## THE ARMY ESTIMATES.

London, February 24.  
The Army Estimates issued to-day provide for five million men exclusive of those serving in India.

## SIR ROBERT BORDEN IN AUDIENCE.

London, February 24.  
H. M. the King received in audience Sir R. L. Borden, the Premier of Canada.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

Som: German Claims.

London, February 24.  
A German wireless official message states that they repulsed several British reconnoitring attacks at Artois front. The British party occupied an abandoned position in the Somme region. The French attacks to the south of Rupont failed.

## German Workshops and Bivouacs Bombed.

Paris, February 24.  
A communiqué states that after a violent bombardment the Germans attempted an unsuccessful coup-de-main on the trenches near Wiesbach.

A French airship bombarded the busy workshops at Brie, returning safely. Aeroplanes dropped 400 kilogrammes of bombs on German bivouacs at Spincourt.

## Considerable British Progress.

London, February 24.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—As the result of unceasing pressure, the enemy vacated important positions on the Aisne. We progressed considerably over a mile front to the south and south-east of Miramont and entered Petit Miramont. We also advanced on a front of a mile and a half south and south-east of Berre. The enemy rushed a post west of Lens, but in counter-attack we immediately recovered it.

## THE ITALIAN FRONT.

London, February 23.  
An Italian official communiqué reports:—The enemy seized an outpost at Coldilane. We counter-attacked and drove him out. We took some prisoners.  
Our airships dropped a ton of high explosives, with visible success, on the aviation ground at Prosecco.

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TICKETS OF ADMISSION TO THE GRAND STAND AND ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LTD., or at the Gate. Price \$10 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or \$4 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, \$3.

No one admitted without a ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course,  
Hongkong, 23rd February 1917.

## NOTICE.

A PROPOS of the above, Members are hereby notified that although Membership of the JOCKEY CLUB entitles them to free admission to the Enclosure and Stands during the Race Meeting no opportunity is given to them to make a special contribution to the War Charities by also purchasing an admission Ticket at the Gate. A Book will be in care of the Gate Keeper in which Members are asked to record any such purchases.

T. F. HOUGH,  
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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1917.

## THE HONGKONG &amp; SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

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THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.,  
Honorary Secretaries & Treasurers,  
Hongkong, 15th January, 1917.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersigned on SATURDAY, the 24th instant.

No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersigned. The Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit them and the holder thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

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